



*At a meeting of the KA Society of Hippocrates, held in the Medical College of Transylvania University, December 11, 1822, the following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. HENRY MILLER, and referred to a select committee, of Doctors Brown, Sanders, Stout, Briggs, and Humphreys, who reporting favourably, they were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed, with a list of the names of all who have been initiated in the parent society.*

THE omniscience and omnipotence of the great *primitive* Author of nature are alone adequate to the construction of plans, which shall be adapted to every exigency, and the unceasing mutations, which are perpetually going on in the moral and physical world—while the purlblindness of man compels him to accommodate his arrangements to present and surrounding circumstances, and by the instructions of experience he must profit, if he would advance the offspring of his invention to the greatest possible perfection.

It is, therefore, no disparagement to the worthy gentlemen, who framed our Constitution, that experience has shown its incompetency to the government of our flourishing and invaluable institution. That its dissemination may be commensurate with the immense blessings, which it is destined to dispense, that its great objects may be promoted, and harmony and unanimity of feeling cherished among its members, a new code of regulations, nay, a radical revolution in its organization is imperiously demanded. The essence, the soul and the spirit of the Institution ought to be sacredly guarded against innovation, even under the mask of expediency or improvement. But whenever its system of government shall prove defective, and its operation impracticable, it is our right, nay, our duty, to commence the work of amendment and reformation.

Under the present Constitution no KA is entitled to establish a subordinate society, unless invested with a warrant or charter, from the mother society, held in Lexington, Ky. If we could entertain such limited views of our institution, as to suppose that no person will be admitted to its privileges, but those who attend on the lectures of Transylvania University, or who may chance to visit Lexington, this provision might be regarded as unexceptionable, because there could be no difficulty in procuring legal authority for the establishment of subordinate societies. But when we reflect that by each subordinate society, throughout the world, there must be innumerable initiations, we, at once, perceive the impracticability of its members obtaining the sanction of *this* society, to locate subordinate ramifications. When the period, which we trust is not far distant, of the *universal* prevalence and triumph of *primitive* principles, shall arrive, this part of our Constitution will be futile and inoperative. As well might the grand Lodge of the most ancient and honourable society of Freemasons, at Jerusalem, or at York, assert and maintain the sole prerogative of issuing charters for the creation of subordinate lodges, which are now implanted in every country, where civilization has extended.

Added to these, there are other considerations which induce us to desire a change in the organization and government of the KA institution.

One of our leading and cardinal objects, as is very well known to you, is the acquisition of *authentic* medical information.

But, besides the impracticability of compliance, it would manifest a spirit of monopoly, to require that the observations of every KA, throughout the globe, shall be directed to the parent society, at Lexington! No! let us not, by the assumption of such superior claims, evince an avaricious and domineering disposition.—The measure of our fame is full, in originating the institution, or rather in being the first to reflect the beams of *Science, Friendship, Virtue, and Honour*, emanating from the Coan Sage; and let us, like true philanthropists, consent that every region

of the earth, warmed and animated by their immediate presence, shall feel and acknowledge the genial influence!

To remedy the imperfections, which have been adverted to, and to advance, as I conceive, the real and permanent interests of the institution, the adoption of the following resolutions is recommended.

Resolved by the parent KA Society of Hippocrates, held in Lexington, Ky.

1st. That in each of the United States, and in other governments, there shall be a grand KA Society, composed of the Presidents of the subordinate societies, in said state or government.

2d. When a grand society is organized in any state or government, said society shall hold a grand annual communication.

3d. The officers of said grand societies shall be a grand President, two grand Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a grand Pursuivant and Grand Orator.

4th. That each grand KA Society shall be amenable to no other assembly of KA's, (unless hereafter it may be deemed expedient to establish a general grand KA Society of the United States,) but shall possess supreme authority over the subordinate societies, under its jurisdiction, and shall have power to issue charters for the creation of subordinate societies, and to frame its own constitution and bye-laws, consistent, however, with the spirit and intention of the institution.

5th. That, during the recess of the grand KA Society, the grand President, or either of the grand Vice-Presidents, shall have power to grant charters to worthy and respectable applicants.

6th. That, as the great advantages, which are expected to result from the establishment of grand KA societies, are the promotion of medical science, and the cultivation of friendly and brotherly feelings between the practitioners of different districts and states, and as these purposes would be very partially achieved by the congress of a few members, it shall be left to the determination of a majority of the subordinate societies, in any state or government, to appoint the time and place of convening a grand KA society; and until this is done, the *first* KA society established in said state or government, shall be considered the grand KA Society, and exercise all the functions, which other grand KA societies may.

7th. That the constitution of every grand KA society require that its subordinate societies meet as often as may be considered necessary, and refer to select Committees the communications of its members, and forward on to the grand KA Society, at its grand annual communication, such reports of interesting cases of disease, or of important discoveries in the science of medicine, or any of its collateral branches, as said committees shall pronounce valuable and honourable to the Society.

8th. That each grand KA Society preserve such reports in the archives of the institution, and when they consider the collection worthy, give it publicity, in a volume, or in the KA, or some other journal of medicine.

Resolved further, that the KA societies, already existing, be informed of these resolutions through the medium of printed circulars, and have them published with their constitution;—because, as these provisions are intended to protect the general interests, and establish identity of character and object, in all KA Societies, they are considered paramount to grand Constitutions, and obligatory on all KA's throughout the world.



## MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

### FIRST YEAR.

1. Samuel Brown, *Kentucky*.
2. Robert P. Gist, do.
3. John Slavins, do.
4. John T. Parker, do.
5. Benjamin F. Edwards, *Missouri*.
6. Benjamin C. Stout, *Tennessee*.
7. George B. Bartlett, *Kentucky*.
8. Reuben B. Berry, do.
9. William N. Merriwether, do.
10. Robert Montgomery, *Tennessee*.
11. Samuel Gregg, *Kentucky*.
12. Alvin W. Bills, do.
13. Richmond H. Carroll, *Alabama*.
14. Thomas M. Taylor, *Kentucky*.
15. Matthew Anderson, jr. do.
16. Samuel C. McWhorter, *Tennessee*.
17. Daniel P. Wilcox, *Missouri*.
18. John M. Briggs, *Kentucky*.
19. John Lancaster, do.
20. Benjamin F. Gray, *Alabama*.
21. D. T. Orr, *Mississippi*.
22. Cleveland T. Payne, *Tennessee*.
23. G. F. H. Crocket, *Kentucky*.
24. James Guild, *Tennessee*.
25. Walter H. Drane, *Kentucky*.
26. Theodore D. Elliott, do.
27. J. H. Hoggatt, *Tennessee*.
28. Samuel Breck.
29. H. G. Doyle, *Kentucky*.
30. Dennis Kelly, *Tennessee*.
31. T. M. Wooldridge, *Kentucky*.
32. Milus McCorkle, *Tennessee*.
33. Alexander M. Walker, do.
34. Joel Miller, deceased.
35. Samuel L. Metcalf, *Kentucky*.]
36. E. L. Briggs, *Kentucky*.
37. Bryan R. Young, do.
38. R. H. Wynne, *Tennessee*.
39. J. P. Parker, *Mississippi*.
40. Charles Jones Walker, *Kentucky*.
41. J. Livingston Maxwell, do.
42. Francis F. Wells, do.
43. Henry Miller, jr. do.
44. S. D. Whitsett, *Tennessee*.
45. W. L. Richards, *Kentucky*.
46. Joseph N. Bybee, do.
47. Jephtha Dudley, do.
48. E. C. Drane, do.
49. J. A. McPheters, *Missouri*.
50. L. Munsell, *Kentucky*.
51. J. T. J. Wilson, *South Carolina*.

### SECOND YEAR.

52. Langston Cooper, *Missouri*.
53. W. Reed, *Ireland*.
54. J. W. Brite, *Kentucky*.
55. Thomas King, *Tennessee*.
56. S. M. Querternous, *Kentucky*.
57. James H. Humphreys, do.
58. John H. Wallace, do.
59. Joseph A. Moore, do.
60. Joseph Kennard, do.
61. James C. Cross, do.
62. H. J. Cathcart, *South Carolina*.
63. J. R. Abbay, *Kentucky*.
64. William Dixon, *Mississippi*.

65. Thomas J. Johnson, *Kentucky*.
66. Thomas K. Porter, do.
67. James Porter, do.
68. William A. Rogers, *South Carolina*.
69. W. W. Baker, *Kentucky*.
70. W. Ridgely, do.
71. J. B. Witherspoon, *South Carolina*.
72. J. M. Witherspoon, do.
73. W. Lea, *North Carolina*.
74. Benjamin Wilkins, *Kentucky*.
75. J. B. Hopson, do.
76. ——— Porter.
77. M. B. Nuckols, *Kentucky*.
78. John Steel.
79. O. H. Stout, *Kentucky*.
80. J. M. Davenport, do.
81. J. S. Lewright, *Virginia*.
82. E. W. Harding, *Kentucky*.
83. Thomas D. Singleton, *South Carolina*.
84. S. Ames, *Kentucky*.
85. Thomas Hunt, *Tennessee*.
86. James P. Williams, *Virginia*.
87. W. E. Talbot, *Indiana*.
88. P. H. Butler, *Tennessee*.
89. W. H. Price, *Kentucky*.
90. Alexander Cochran, do.
91. Elihu Kirpatrick, *Mississippi*.
92. B. C. Barry, do.
93. William W. Walker, *Kentucky*.

### THIRD YEAR.

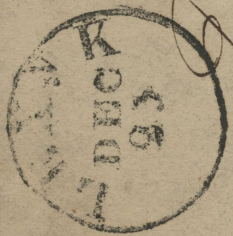
94. James Kelly, *Alabama*.
95. John H. Sanders, *Kentucky*.
96. Loammi Rigdon, *Ohio*.
97. Isaac P. Simpson, *Kentucky*.
98. John L. Wyne, *Tennessee*.
99. B. Pemberton Sanders, *Kentucky*.
100. Samuel Theobald, do.
101. George Parish, do.
102. Jonathan Hathaway, do.
103. Silas Brown, *Mississippi*.
104. Christian Wallace, *Kentucky*.
105. William Bonner, *Tennessee*.
106. Edward Carrell, *Kentucky*.
107. Uriah Jordan, *South Carolina*.
108. Alexander Humphreys, *Kentucky*.
109. William C. Penick, *Virginia*.
110. John Shackleford, *Kentucky*.
111. Thomas A. Read, *Tennessee*.
112. Roger Harding, *Kentucky*.
113. William Nelson, do.
114. Peyton Robertson, *Tennessee*.
115. Will. P. Rayburn, *Kentucky*.
116. Thomas Sanders, *Virginia*.
117. Samuel Cartwright, *Mississippi*.
118. W. W. Thompson, *Kentucky*.
119. J. W. S. Frierson, *Tennessee*.
120. Henry T. Loving, *Kentucky*.
121. D. McFall, do.
122. Charles E. Williams, *Alabama*.
123. W. M. Shreve, *Kentucky*.
124. Henry Easley, do.
125. R. G. Farrar, *Virginia*.
126. George Venable, *Kentucky*.
127. Thomas Lynd, jr. do.
128. John A. Steele, do.



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